Stampede during recruitment for the Army

†2113. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of stampede during recruitment for the Army is a common feature;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of stampede occurred at the time of recruitment during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to check such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Two incidents have taken place in the last two years.

(c) and (d) Arrangements are made in consultation with the local civil administration and intelligence agencies to prevent stampedes during recruitment rallies for the Army. Comprehensive security and traffic arrangements along with proper barricading of the recruitment premises is undertaken with the assistance of the local police. Liaison and coordination is maintained with the civil administration official deputed for the purpose of ensuring safe and peaceful conduct of the recruitment rally. Recruiting Officers of the Army have been empowered to cancel the rally in the event of inadequate crowd control arrangements or any other untoward incident/situations.

Hardships faced by civilian employees in settling their GPF claims

2114. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Joint Controller Defence Account (Funds) Central Command are not keeping its records updated and civilian Defence Employees proceeding on retirement are facing difficulties for the final settlement of GPF claims;

(b) whether JCDA (Funds) raise decade old wrong queries relating to loans and recover the amount falsely while settling the GPF claims;

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